



CITY OF ELY

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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 28, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Mayor Robertson called the regular meeting of the Ely City Council to order at **5:19 P.M.** Reverend Daniel Gbundema offered an invocation. Mayor Robertson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

- Mayor Nathan Robertson
- Councilman Terrill Trask
- Councilwoman Melody Van Camp
- Councilwoman Michelle Yeoman
- Councilman Dennis Perea
- Councilwoman Jerri Lynn Williams-Harper

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer Janette Trask
- Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
- City Engineer B.J. Almberg
- City Building Official Chris Flannery
- City Attorney Chris Arabia
- White Pine County Sheriff's Office Captain Todd Fincher

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below) and the following people attended via video conference: Geri Wopschall; T. Tartt; Phil Herring; mpy; Abe Ensour; Victor Sawaya; Daniel Nguyen; Lena Ocasio, USDA; Hyong Cho, Pavion; Greg Bristo, Aventus; Darin Oren, Pavion; Phillip Pappadakes; Wyatt Cox, KELY; Thomas Williams, Ford AV; and Pat Robison.

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: May 28, 2026

Print name below

Vic Wenner - Ford AV
Janet Van Camp
Rev. Daniel Gbundema
George Chachas
Weston Johnson
Mark Bassett

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated on agenda item 8B-1, you need to reconsider appointing Janet Van Camp as a member of the City Historical Preservation Commission. You need to find somebody else. I want to remind you; she quit her elected position as the County Commissioner and failed as a commissioner and assistant in addressing issues that were brought to her attention. The City deserves better, a much better choice. On your agenda items 5, City Council and Mayor reports, referencing AB4, at your last City Council meeting on May 14th, 2026, I asked and I want to know who owns Avenue A? Railroad management has caused someone to be cited for illegal parking, and their vehicles have been towed. I want to know the names of the Railroad Foundation people that have accused me of signing a document in 1991 in which I signed the document gifting the red barn and the depot to the State Museum. I did that based on the Management Board recommendation that the City Council approved, definitely not on my own. I want any and all evidence that they have presented to back their claim. I want lie detector tests conducted; giving false testimony in a court case amounts to perjury and possible libel and slander. To date, no information has been provided. I want to remind you trading the armory worth \$20 million or more, and its rental income of \$50,000 for the freight barn and a depot with no income, which the railroad can't afford, is not of equal value. It can't maintain it, and that's malfeasance. On your agenda Item 4-5 City Clerk, 4-8 Public Works Director, and 4-10 City Engineer; when did the City Council approve the total rebuild of the 300 block of Murry Street and the thirty-to-forty-foot access to the old Northern Hotel lot, it appears that some are receiving favors from friends and family; I want a written answer. On one hand, you have rules and regulations that pertain to some, and others, you completely ignore it. When the City or the RTC recently did chip overlay it stopped right there on the corner of the Highway 50 hotel that used to be the four 7's. It didn't go in front of Mr. Nardi's property either, you treat everybody right or you may want to do something else Mayor. The selective enforcement and discrimination need to stop.

3. Mayor – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda, including removal of agenda items.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ CITY POLICE CHIEF

Captain Todd Fincher stated I was just going to go over some of our control statistics for the first quarter of this year. Total number of incidents was 4,081 and of those incidents there were 1,070 calls for service. Deputy-initiated incidents were 3,011 with 370 traffic stops and 2,641 that are listed as other incidents. There were 301 building checks and business checks and 16 vehicle pedestrian checks. Total number of deputy cases was 138: 31 of those being accidents, 5 being child in need of supervision, 3 coroner cases, 9 delinquent acts, 51 felonies, 16 gross misdemeanors, 40 misdemeanors, and 12 listed as unclassified. Total misdemeanor and felony arrests, with a total of 64 within the county: 37 misdemeanor arrests, 35 of which were adults and 2 juveniles; 27 felony arrests, all of which are adults. There were 95 citations: 2 of which were criminal citations, 69 moving violations, and 24 are listed as unclassified citations, so we have been busy.

➤ CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL

City Building Official stated the workload has been pretty extreme. I just finished a plan review for O'Reilly Auto Parts; it's going to be on Great Basin Boulevard by the Family Dollar; you will see the Will Serve application for water soon. I finished up the plan review for the solar farm on the foundations for the two transformers that are coming in. Those are going to be 192,000 pounds per transformer and each transformer carries about 30,000 gallons of oil. Those plans are reviewed and permits have been issued and it is going to be an extremely large project. I went to the Natural Resource Committee meeting the other day, and they had White River Solar there talking about coming in and that's a 600-megawatt solar farm. That's almost double the size of the one that's going out here. We have been working with GreenLink, and this project is to bring in data centers for the solar. I think the County has nineteen applications for renewable projects coming

on board. The workload is going to be extreme if I don't get something going on with the County. The County doesn't have a third party to do any plan reviews. I may have to get with the Mayor going forward and with the County on what they want to do and how they want to manage these projects, so I just wanted to bring that to your attention. I've also worked with the Regional Planning Commission on the master planning starting in McGill on a mixed-use area for zoning. We're coming up with a different definition for these areas that have commercial with residential mixed into them, because every time somebody wants to do a residence inside the commercial area, they have to ask for evidence or special use. As we look forward, we may want to look at the City of Ely and any needed adjustments in the next group plan. I just want to bring that forward to you guys and see what we've got to do to get the attention of the County because these projects need to be managed and it's going to be hard for one or two people to do that.

Mayor Robertson stated there will be an item on the next agenda to address this workload issue in light of the proposal.

Councilman Perea asked when do we need to get this resolved by?

City Building Official Flannery stated I have been here three months now and I am starting to get some traction. I have been working with Jennifer, and I bought the very first permitting software back in 2006 and it has failed. This one that Jennifer's working with, I cannot get to the building permits and for me, this is a very troublesome. A contract was signed last September for new software, and we have been working with that. We should be able to open that up any day, but there's just so much going on right now.

Councilman Perea stated we know most of this future workload is in the County, and we'll need to work with the County on that, but at some point, you're going to need help in the office. We don't have it budgeted, but we've got to come up with some solutions. Is that critical at this point?

City Building Official Flannery stated for the City, not so much, but outside of the incorporating lines of the City, the storm is getting ferocious. We need to get the big projects figured out first. The County on their side of this really needs to pay attention to what's going on, because there's some really big loads. I met with Nickel Mining, they bought Hamilton Mine and they bought the old Wheeler Machinery building. They are going to be making some improvements; I approved of that plan. We're going to do as builds with that, which is understandable, but they're talking about getting started up there. So, the workforce that's going to be coming in is going to be extreme and I don't know if we can handle accommodating the workforce that could be here. So, I keep continuing to tell those people that this housing problem is their issue to address.

5. REPORTS

➤ COUNCILWOMAN VAN CAMP

Councilwoman Van Camp stated May 16th was the last of the City of Ely Community-wide cleanups, and it was successful. We cleaned up at the Railroad property and got twenty-three bags of trash and two huge loads of debris. Trash Troopers will continue to clean up in June and throughout the rest of the summer. On May 19th, I attended the Natural Resources Advisory Committee. It was a really long meeting with four presentations. Our County Assessor, Burton Hilton, explained the taxes on existing and future energy-related projects, it was really interesting and informative. There was a presentation on the abandoned mines Lands program. A presentation on the wild horse issue, and this was really heartbreaking. This is a complex and emotional issue, and Nevada and many other states have an extreme problem with wild horses; there's just too damn many. Another solar farm gave a really interesting presentation on yet another proposed project, and this is on 8,000 acres south of town.

➤ COUNCILMAN PEREA

Councilman Perea stated I attended the Railroad meeting with Jerri Lynn and there's a lot of stuff coming down the pipeline. We need to work on the new Development Agreement. There's a lot of significant issues that need to be dealt with as we do that; I

believe we have that agendized for June. I think if that's the case, we need to figure out how to get it started now so that we can have those conversations.

➤ **MAYOR ROBERTSON**

Mayor Robertson stated 'll be attending the Mayors and Chairs meeting with Governor Lombardo on Monday to talk about possible tax reforms and municipal funding and the increased costs of payroll and benefits, which is over 40% in the last four years or so and most cities are reporting that or higher.

6. THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.

1. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Public Hearing – Discussion Only – Adoption of the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, as FINAL. Budget to be submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.598.

George Chachas stated when I came in to pick up my packet all the information was not there, including the budget. I just got the budget today. I got a call yesterday to pick up the budget, but I couldn't make it. You have got to stick to the Open Meeting Law, and it states all information must be available at a minimum of three days prior. I don't know when you folks got your information. I don't know if you got it at the same time I did today, and if you did, when did you have time to digest it? My concern is overpaying for police protection. When the present contract was made years ago, it was based on the fact that you were going to give so much for police protection, and then it was going to be offset slightly with what was going to come back from the County for fire protection and you got nothing. You have to redo that particular agreement. A lot of you don't know the history, I do. I don't mind paying for police protection, but I'm suffering and I don't like that. At a recent County Commission meeting, I understood that juvenile probation went from a \$40,000 budget to over \$200,000. What the heck is going on in this community? You people have a problem. You need to address it with the Commission. We're going downhill, folks! We better address it in this particular budget. I don't see any light at the end of the tunnel.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Adoption of the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, as FINAL. Budget to be submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.598.

City Treasurer Trask stated there were just a few changes, and I'll highlight the major ones from the tentative that we did at the workshop. We have that agreement with the County in lieu of property taxes which increased revenues under interlocal government resources by over \$300,000. The other major change in the General Fund is we had \$200,000 in capital as part of the payment, that has been shifted over and the whole amount for that contract will be coming out of the General Fund. So, that increased the Public Safety Budget by \$200,000. There was a minor change in the Police Protection Street Improvement Fund, which was a request for around \$3,000 more from the Fire Department, which was minimal enough that it wasn't a problem. Then, of course, under the capital projects, it was reduced by the \$200,000, but we did have a grant that I needed to add \$50,000 for our costs; that was the NDOW grant. There was equipment for the Street Department, I was able to reduce that by about \$60,000, because we got a hard number on that, and I think I had \$470,000, and it went down to \$400,000. Those were the major ones that changed. There might have been a few other minor changes that I just tweaked a little bit, but they were insignificant.

Councilman Perea stated since the last time I sent that email and we talked, the General Fund is still slated to decline by \$320,000?

City Treasurer Trask stated yes.

Councilman Perea stated I think that Mayor Robertson made the comment, the time to fix that is now. I don't know what the answer is, but we have \$1.9, it goes down by \$300,000, it's not the end of the world, but it's significant, and it's going in the wrong direction, so we're going to have to come up with a plan.

City Treasurer Trask stated yes, and a lot's going to depend on the CTX revenue. I always budget less than what the State projects, and this year is actually coming in more, but you never know.

Mayor Robertson stated I was looking at those CTX revenues and in 2025 the State was off by \$800,000. This year is coming closer to what they estimated, and we always budget less than, but again, that's what we're planning to talk with the League of Cities, and the Governor's Office about in their budget. Hey, why are these so volatile, and how come you can't estimate these better? Are there other things we can do to manage? Almost a million dollars swing is maybe not a huge issue for the city of Las Vegas, but to the City of Ely, that's a significant part of our entire budget. So, if we had budgeted to the State's estimate, then we would have had a big problem. The only thing that wasn't included in there that I wanted to make mention of was the grant program through the Redevelopment Area. We've been advertising that in the winter and then budgeting that as part of the next fiscal year. I don't know if the Council wanted to put in any amount from the Redevelopment Fund to be able to do something between now and next fiscal year, because all we budgeted were the applications that we got.

Councilman Perea asked if they moved it into the current year, are we reducing next year's award?

City Treasurer Trask stated it wouldn't be in this current budget. He's talking about increasing what we're budgeting for next year. Right now, all I've got in there is for the grants for this year we had the grant period from January 1st to the end of February, and I have had a couple people come in, and I've told them, sorry, the grant period's over, they'll start again next year. What Nathan is saying is he's been approached, and what he's asking is if you want to put an additional amount in there for other people to apply or just stick with it.

Mayor Robertson stated the issue being, too, is that some of the people who apply for the grants noted the delay in time between when they're applying and when they could possibly spend, and I don't know if you wanted to put some extra in.

City Treasurer Trask stated I always budget what's going to be carryover from this year that was approved and hasn't been spent yet, but they have a 2-year period to ask for it. Or to submit their request, so there's two parts to that grant.

Councilman Perea asked if we increase next year's award, where does it come from?

City Treasurer Trask stated the Redevelopment Fund Balance.

Mayor Robertson stated I was thinking maybe something along the lines of just \$20,000 in case we added a couple things. I don't want to just budget a whole bunch, and then we spend a billion on whatever comes up. But again, there are other grants that come in and sometimes these are emergency things for businesses. You can look at some of the past ones, which were for roof leaks, HVAC, and things, which can't always necessarily wait six to twelve months.

City Treasurer Trask stated what I have in the budget for the grants that came in this period is \$51,750, and then open grants that were approved this year that we haven't had any requests for is \$74,700. In regard to what we have, the fact is that Redevelopment money has to be spent by 2034, so there's money available, if you chose to do this.

Councilman Perea moved to adopt the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, as FINAL with the addition of \$20,000 added to the Redevelopment Fund Budget. Budget to be submitted to the Department of Taxation pursuant to NRS 354.598. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion.

Councilman Trask stated I would like to disclose the City Treasurer is related to me, but I feel I can vote on this item.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ONLY OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Van Camp stated I would like to disclose my granddaughter is an employee of the City of Ely Fire Department.

Mayor Robertson disclosed my husband is a member of the Ely Volunteer Fire Department and is not treated any differently than any of the others so I will not be abstaining, and I also don't vote.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 8A-1 Minutes and 8A-2 Bills.

Moved by: Councilwoman Van Camp Second by: Councilman Trask Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes.
 - May 14, 2026
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - May 13, 2026
 - May 18, 2026

B. NEW BUSINESS

5. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of Consultant Selection Procedures on Proposals submitted by *Aventus NV, Inc.*, *Ford AV* and *Pavion Connect and Protect* for United States Department of Justice Federally Funded Project No: 15JCOPS-24-GG-02256-TECP Security Cameras Installation Project Procurement No. 2, including Project Fee Breakdown; Past Performance; Client Communication Protocol; Project Approach; and Availability and Capacity; each proposer will be interviewed by the City Council during this item and final selection based solely on the average of the interview score.



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**Request for Proposals (RFP)
Security Cameras Installation Project Procurement No. 2
RFP No. 2026-01**

Scope of Work: The City of Ely (City) hereby invites qualified firms or individuals (Offerors) to submit written proposals to provide commercial-grade Avigilon ALTA Cloud Solution CCTV system, sourced from Motorola, for the Security Cameras Installation Project Procurement No. 2, including system configuration, equipment procurement, system installation, system testing, system training and support services. The City of Ely is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

RFP Deadline: All proposals must be received by the City Clerk's Office, 501 Mill Street, Ely, Nevada 89301 by May 8, 2026, no later than 3:00 pm Pacific Time. Proposals received after the established deadline will be returned to the Offeror and will not receive any consideration in the evaluation process. Submitted proposals will be opened at City Hall immediately after the published deadline for acceptance of said proposals. Pursuant to NRS 939.935(7), each submitted proposal is confidential and may not be disclosed until the contract is awarded by the Ely City Council.

Interested Party Requirements: All interested parties must register with the City Clerk's Office to receive the required RFP Packet, any RFP Packet Addenda and submit a proposal. To register, email contact information for firm's main representative on this RFP – including name, position, email and phone number – to AdminAssist@cityofelynv.gov. Documents will be electronically delivered free of charge to each interested party following registration.

Inquiries: Questions regarding this solicitation should be directed to Jennifer Lee, City Clerk at 775-293-1395 or CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov.

Jennifer Lee, MBA
City Clerk

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The City of Ely is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Each of the three companies that submitted proposals were asked the following questions:

1. Please explain in detail a similar project that you worked on and how the project turned out.
2. What type of challenges do you see in completing this project and how will you overcome them?
3. Explain how your company's client communication protocol stands out.
4. How will you meet the client's expectations of the project?
5. What license plate reader capabilities does your proposed system have?
6. There are differences between the three proposals regarding pricing. Please break down your materials, labor and other costs, explaining the ways your pricing proposal benefits the City of Ely and the White Pine County Sheriff's Office.
7. After selection, are you willing to amend your proposal to better accommodate the City's TEP grant requirements?



Federal Project No: 15JCOPS-24-GG-02256-TECP- Security Camera Installation Project Procurement No. 2 RFP No. 2026-01
 Interviews held during the May 28, 2026 City Council Meeting
 Final Selection will be based solely on the average of the interview score

Council Member - Interviewers	Ford AV 6255 Sandhill Rd. Ste 100 Las Vegas, NV 89120 Vic Wenner, Division Manager	Avalon NV, Inc. 1880 Carson Dr. Boulder City, NV 89006 Greg Bristol Chief Risk Officer/Lead Estimator	Pavion Connect and Protect 4000 S. McCarran Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502 Hyong Cho, Account Executive
Councilman Terrell Trask	69	65	67.5
Councilwoman Melody Van Camp	62	65	60
Councilwoman Michelle Yeoman	80	58	78
Councilman Dennis Perea	52	46.5	52
Councilwoman Jem Lynn Williams-Harper	77	70.5	78.5
Total Points for each Offeror	340	305	344
dtc Scores tallied by <i>Terrell Trask</i>	Date <i>5-28-26</i>		
Signature <i>[Signature]</i>			<i>Pavion Connect & Protect</i>

Firm Selected for the Security Cameras Installation Project Procurement No. 2 RFP No. 2026-01:

Councilman Perea moved to select Pavion Connect and Protect for United States Department of Justice Federally Funded Project No: 15JCOPS-24-GG-02256-TECP Security Cameras Installation Project Procurement No. 2, based solely on the average of the interview score. Councilman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Robertson handed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tempore Williams Harper.

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to disclose that I am a part-time employe of the Foundation and will be abstaining from this item.

- Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Nevada Northern Railway Foundation President Mark Bassett – Discussion Only – Update on the City of Ely-Nevada Northern Railway Foundation Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) due June 22, 2026.

Nevada Northern Railway Foundation President Bassett stated the federal government has put together a grant program called the CRISI Grant, and there's \$2 billion available. The program is to improve transportation on the railroads. Of that \$2 billion, 75% of that has been set aside for the rural projects. So that's \$576 million set aside for specifically rural projects. We have been working with FMW to do our grant. FMW did our grant the last time. FMW has been in discussions with the FRA and actually got to meet the CRISI team on a one-on-one basis, and they're very aware of our project and they were aware of our project the last time. The last time, there was an environmental option that we disagreed on, and so this time, included in this project is an EA for the entire road that will eliminate that concern. These are preliminary numbers, but the total project cost is \$98,131,188.00 The federal funds that we're requesting are \$73,598,391.00. We have an in-kind match of \$21,781,826.00, which amounts to 22.5%. When proposing a cash match of \$2,750,971.00, that's 2.8% or total match of 25%. Whereas this is above what the FRA is requiring for a match, the reason for the match is to make the project more palatable to the FRA. On a project like this, we review previous projects from previous years, and the project generally comes in at about \$55 million. So, we're \$20 million over that, whereas we have a considerable match we were thinking that putting in 10% cash of the overage would make the project more palatable to the FRA and get us closer to the finish line and get the project approved. We are working with the different mines and businesses in the area, and the response from the mines and businesses has been wonderful. We've done these grants in the past, and this time, the response that we've gotten is just incredible. They're all on board, and it makes it really easy to present this to the FRA. We are in the process of getting forty different letters of support starting with the entire Nevada congressional delegation, running through all of the State officers, starting with the Governor on down, and then also the mining industries and businesses in the community. So, we're putting together a package that we feel is incredibly strong.

Councilman Perea asked do you have any commitments on the cash match, or do you plan on raising that through the Foundation?

Nevada Northern Railway Foundation President Bassett stated I don't have any firm commitments on that, but I plan to raise that through the Foundation. There are different opportunities out there to raise that, and I am really convinced that we can raise that cash match. The other timeline for this is the grant has to be in by June 22nd. Grants.gov is going to be out of service, so we're going to be submitting it before that date. We believe the grants will be announced in October, and then once the grant is announced, then it takes months to put together the grant agreement. That period of time, when we have an approved grant from the FRA, is the time to go out to raise the \$2 million.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper stated isn't that a little risky? How much do we have right now?

Nevada Northern Railway Foundation President Bassett stated basically we have a \$100 million project here and this \$100 million project is going to change the City of Ely, White Pine County, and the mines. September 29th, 1906, was the largest party that Ely and White Pine County ever saw, and that was the completion of the Nevada Northern Railway. If we get this grant and get this railroad open again, it is going to change our community from the bedrock on up. One of the aspects of this is you lower transportation costs for the mines, then their cost of production goes down, and if the price drops, then that extends to the mine homes. We have a housing problem in this community. The cheapest way to roll any large quantities of freight is the steel wheel on the steel rail. Bath Lumber has a spur right into their yard. So, to answer your question, the money is out there, we just have to ask for it. If we don't raise it before the signature is needed, then we don't sign it, It's as simple as that, but since I've been involved with the Railroad here I have successfully raised over \$55 million. This grant has a \$10 million contingency, and because construction probably wouldn't start until 2028 our pricing is slightly higher. Until we get out on the ground, it's hard to... in other words, we've tried to estimate the worst-case scenario, but we believe it's going to be considerably less than that.

1. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Confirmation of Mayoral appointment of Janet Van Camp as a member of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission, with a term through June 30, 2028.

Councilwoman Van Camp stated I will abstain from this item as Janet Van Camp is my sister.

Councilman Perea moved to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Janet Van Camp as a member of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission, with a term through June 30, 2028. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with one abstention.

2. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Confirmation of Mayoral appointment of Jason Bath as a member of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission, with a term through June 30, 2027.

Councilman Trask moved to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Jason Bath as a member of the City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission, with a term through June 30, 2027. Councilwoman Van Camp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Robertson – Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval to participate as a Cooperating Agency for the 2026 Geothermal Lease Sale Environmental Assessment.

Councilman Trask moved to approve participating as a Cooperating Agency for the 2026 Geothermal Lease Sale Environmental Assessment. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Council Members – City Fire Chief Stork – Discussion/For Possible Action - Approval of recommendation to suspend open burning in City of Ely limits June 1, 2026, thru September 30, 2026; this proposed action would not affect previously approved Open Burning permits.

Councilman Perea moved to approve suspending open burning in City of Ely limits June 1, 2026, thru September 30, 2026; this proposed action would not affect previously approved Open Burning permits. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Side Letter Agreement between the City of Ely and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 to amend Exhibit A of the 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement to provide a two and one-half percent (2.5%) Cost-of-Living Adjustment/Wage Rate Change.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper moved to approve the Side Letter Agreement between the City of Ely and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 to amend Exhibit A of the 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement to provide a two and one-half percent (2.5%) Cost-of-Living Adjustment/Wage Rate Change. Councilman Perea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Council Members – City Treasurer Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Side Letter Agreement between the City of Ely Fire Department and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 to amend Article 3, Section VI, Subsection 2 of the 2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement to provide a two and one-half percent (2.5%) Cost-of-Living Increase.

Councilman Trask moved to approve the Side Letter Agreement between the City of Ely Fire Department and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 to amend Article 3, Section VI, Subsection 2 of the 2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement to provide a two and one-half percent (2.5%) Cost-of-Living Increase. Councilwoman Yeoman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Weston Johnson stated I just wanted to briefly introduce myself. I recently submitted a letter of interest for the Historical Preservation Commission. I currently work as the Director of the White Pine Public Museum, as well as your friendly community documentary photographer. I just want to say I am ecstatic that the City has taken interest in preserving their historic places and cultural resources and I'd be glad to be a part of it. Thank you for your consideration.

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the new building at 292 Aultman Street if it is commercial or a storage building as codes are different; who authorized the six foot metal fence on Mill Street; White Pine Mobile Home Park not being fenced off causing a hazard and attractive nuisance; a complete list of properties and individuals that the City has permitted and allowed to park RVs on the City lots and streets while living in them and if they are paying utilities; 408 High Street being a blighted property; Code violations that have not been addressed by the County Commission, City Council, or the Regional Planning Commission; Selective Enforcement; whether or not Mr. Ramsey at 582 Highway 93, as well as Tim Vidrine have connected to City water and sewer per NRS; and the drainage coming off of the Bath property onto his property on 7th Street.

Phil Herring with the Operating Engineers stated I represent both of those contracts which we approved and just wanted to say thank you. One thing of note, this MOU will go into place, and this COLA increase will become effective July 1st, just like we've done in the past. I don't know if we put that in the MOU or not but just want to make everybody aware it will be July 1 when that goes into effect.

10. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Trask moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **7:15 p.m.** Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



MAYOR



ATTEST

